



## Memorandum

### Development Services / Community Design and Development Division

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

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**DATE:** August 1, 2001

**SUBJECT:** General Plan 2020 – Growing Smarter Amendments

Staff would like to present the Council with an overview of the Growing Smarter Amendment process. This is a supplement to the Staff Report for the IRS discussion on August 9.

#### Overview

Tempe's General Plan 2020 was adopted on December 18, 1997, by Resolution No. 97.84.

State legislation in 1998 (Growing Smarter) and 2000 (Growing Smarter Plus) requires municipal plans to be adopted by the end of 2001, either by Public election or Council adoption, depending on whether the document was new, had major amendments, or required only minor modifications as defined below.

- **MINOR AMENDMENTS:** Amendments that do not change the substance or intent of the document.
- **MAJOR AMENDMENTS:** Major amendments are substantial alterations to land use mixture or balance as established in the existing the land use element.
- **NEW PLANS:** Any document that has never been written or approved prior to this public process.

Tempe's plan incorporated a majority of the Growing Smarter elements, and can accommodate other legislative requirements by reference to existing approved plans or reports (such as the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, and Statistical Report). Therefore, Tempe is only making minor amendments to the existing approved plan. The Amended General Plan 2020 – Growing Smarter must be adopted by Council by December 31, 2001.

To meet legislative requirements for a 60-day public agency review, the Proposed Draft General Plan 2020, with its proposed modifications, will be distributed to Council, M.A.G., Counties, Cities and Towns on August 2. The State requirements for Public Participation for Minor Amendments are included on the next page.

State Requirements:

- 60-day review period of the draft plan.
- Opportunity for citizens, school districts, utilities, surrounding municipalities, counties, businesses and civic groups to comment on the plan.
- One hearing before a planning commission.
- A minimum of one public hearing.
- One newspaper notice of meeting date/time/location.
- 10 locations posted with notice for meeting.

Tempe's Proposed Public Participation Plan Minor Amendments exceeds the State requirements.

Tempe Requirements:

- 60-day review period of the draft plan.
- Opportunity for citizens, school districts, utilities, surrounding municipalities, counties, businesses religious groups and civic groups to comment on the plan.
- Thirteen Board and Commission meetings
- Four public meetings
- One Early Riser Forum
- Two Planning & Zoning Commission Hearings held in October, after the public review period.
- A Council introduction in October will be followed by two public hearings in December.
- Three newspaper notices of meeting date/time/locations.
- A minimum of 20 locations posted with notice for meetings.

Public Participation Plan Update

Staff met with the Neighborhood Committee on July 26. The result of this meeting was to continue the discussion of the Public Participation Plan for the General Plan 2020 to the IRS session and regular agenda of the August 9 Council meeting. Staff will also return to this committee for updates on the Public Participation Plan. In addition, staff will meet monthly with the Technology Advancement and Community Development Committee to discuss the progress of the General Plan 2020 amendment process.

The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to provide outreach to the community on what Tempe is doing to bring our existing General Plan 2020 into compliance with state legislation for Growing Smarter. The Public Participation Plan outlines how staff will provide information to public officials and agencies, stakeholders, and interested parties.

The schedule of public meetings would be posted on the City's web site and channel 11, and published in newspapers, bulletins, and the City water bill. These meetings will inform citizens about the legislative changes, and will serve as a starting point for a separate public participation process commencing in January when staff begin the new General Plan 2025. A new participation plan will be proposed for Council adoption. The Technology Advancement and Community Development Committee will also review the new plan development, and Council will be updated regularly. In addition to extensive citizen participation and public meetings before the Planning & Zoning Commission and Council the new General Plan 2025 will be submitted to the voters for ratification.

Attached is a copy of the presentation brochure, a comparison of the Growing Smarter Elements and the Tempe General Plan Index of Elements and lastly, a schedule of public meetings.

**City of Tempe**  
**General Plan 2020**  
**Amendments to comply with**  
**Growing Smarter Plus 2000**

Arizona Growing Smarter Plus 2000 Requirements	Amended City of Tempe General Plan 2020	Amendment Notes
Land Use	Land Use	<i>Existing Element: Will also be referred to in other sections.</i>
Circulation	Transportation	<i>Existing Element: Includes the Growing Smarter Bicycle Section</i>
Bicycling		
	Economy of the City	<i>Existing Element</i>
Public Buildings	Public Buildings	<i>Existing Element</i>
	Urban Design	<i>Existing Element</i>
	Art in the City	<i>Existing Element</i>
Housing	Housing	<i>Existing Element</i>
Conservation, Rehabilitation & Redevelopment	Neighborhood Preservation, Rehabilitation & Redevelopment	<i>Existing Elements: Combined Neighborhoods and Conservation of the Man-made Environment</i>
Conservation	Environmental Planning, Conservation & Management	<i>Existing Element: Formerly Conservation of the Natural Environment</i>
Open Space	Open Space & Recreation	<i>Existing Element: Combines the Growing Smarter Open Space and Recreation sections and makes reference to Rio Salado section</i>
Recreation		
Public Services & Facilities	Public Services	<i>Existing Element: Makes reference to other sections.</i>
Water	Water	<i>New Element: References public services and environmental sections and the assured water supply document.</i>
Safety	Safety	<i>Existing Element</i>
Growth Area	Growth Area	<i>New Element: Combines Downtown/Rio Salado/ASU</i>
Cost of Development	Cost of Development	<i>New Element: References existing permit fee schedule.</i>
	Statistics/Demographics	<i>Existing Element: Is also referred to in other sections.</i>

**City of Tempe  
Public Meeting Schedule**

August 1 - September 11, 2001		8/1	8/8	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/18	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/28	9/1	9/5	9/6	9/11	9/25	10/1	10/9	10/18	10/23	11/15	12/13	January 2002 - May 2003
Municipal Reviews (MAG, & Adjacent Cities)																							Initiate Process for New General Pla
Public Meetings																							
Municipal Arts Commission - 6:00pm																							
NWT Planning Advisory Board - 6:30pm																							
Tempe Aviation Commission - 6:30pm																							
Design Review Board - 6:00pm																							
South Tempe Police Substation - 6:30																							
Tempe Library - 9:30am																							
Commission on Disability Concerns - 7:00pm																							
Board of Adjustment - 7:00pm																							
Escalante Center - 6:30pm																							
Planning & Zoning Commission - 6:00pm																							
Rio Salado Advisory Commission - 7:00pm																							
West Side Generational 10:00am																							
Neighborhood Advisory Commission - 5:00pm																							
Bicycle Advisory Commission - 7:30am																							
Historic Preservation Commission - 6:00pm																							
Transportation Commission - 7:30am																							
Parks & Recreation Board - 7:00pm																							
Tempe Early Riser Forum - 7:00am																							
Planning & Zoning Commission 1st Hearing																							
Introduction of Amended Plan to Council																							
Planning & Zoning Commission 2nd Hearing																							
City Council 1st Hearing																							
City Council Final Hearing																							